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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/675,945	CHRISTODOULIDES ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/2/2003.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 19-22 and 32.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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Paper No./Mail Date <u>See Continuation Sheet</u> 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
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DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior arts or record fail to teach a satellite communications system comprising a plurality of user terminals and at least one earth station, each of the user terminals being arranged to communicate with the at least one earth station via at least one satellite, wherein the system is arranged so that the user terminals and/or the earth station are able to receive data at any one of a set of input data rates and to transmit the user data at a corresponding one of a set of output data rates, wherein the ratio between one of the input data rates and the corresponding one of the output data rates differs from one of the input data rates to another one of the input data rates, such that the ratio between each of the input data rates and the lowest common multiple of the set of input data rates is less than the ratio between each of the output data rates and the lowest common multiple of the set of output data rates.

Terrell (5500874) discloses a digital filter receives a control signal which specifies what filter coefficient values should be used. The control signal can be changed repeatedly so as to dynamically select the coefficients in response to the value of a control

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parameter. However, Terrell failed to disclose the ratio between one of the input data rates and the corresponding one of the output data rates differs from one of the input data rates to another one of the input data rates, such that the ratio between each of the input data rates and the lowest common multiple of the set of input data rates is less than the ratio between each of the output data rates and the lowest common multiple of the set of output data rates.

Ghanwani et al. (US6400686) discloses a data transfer flow control system for a packet communications system includes a plurality of nodes interconnected by transmission links. The rate at which a sender node transmits information to a destination node in a network is modified in accordance with congestion information returned to the sender node from nodes along the path of the transmission or from the information receiver. However, Ghanwani et al. failed to disclose the ratio between one of the input data rates and the corresponding one of the output data rates differs from one of the input data rates to another one of the input data rates, such that the ratio between each of the input data rates and the lowest common multiple of the set of input data rates is less than the ratio between each of the output data rates and the lowest common multiple of the set of output data rates.

Therefore, claims 19-22 and 32 are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Wutchung Chu whose telephone number is 571 270 1411. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 1000 - 1500EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wing Chan can be reached on 571 272 7493. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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